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LSUS searches for funding



by Scott
Balcerzak

State funding is the primary problem discussed when considering improvements of Louisiana's universities. With currently low funding levels and the projection of another massive state deficit, many analysts have concerns over the future of higher education in Louisiana. The problem has resulted in several colleges pursuing private money more aggressively.

In an interview from

Baton Rouge last week, Dr. Dan Kyle, the State Legislative Auditor, commented on some of the financial issues faced by state colleges. He feels that despite the before-mentioned concerns, the basic relationship between the colleges and the legislature is still positive.

"What you find is that the legislature as a whole keeps up with what is going on in the institutes of higher education," Kyle said. He also believes that the channels of communication between colleges and the legislature are kept open through the local legislator's relationship with specific schools.

There are some basic numbers that need to be examined when considering LSUS's place within state funding. In comparison to the other university systems in Louisiana, the LSU college system receives the largest percentage of funding. The system is budgeted to receive nearly \$900 million of the general fund for 2000-2001. LSU in Shreveport is currently budgeted to receive about \$20 million of this funding.

As for what percentage of this money comes from specific sources such as gambling revenue, Kyle stated that these numbers
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Low voter turnout for SGA... again



by
Krystal Lee
Williams

Less than 6 percent of LSUS students participated in this fall's election.

A total of 223 ballots were cast for the sixteen senator-at-large positions that were contested.

This is an increase from last year's SGA elections and actually exceeded SGA's goal of 200 voters.

"I'm very pleased we had a bigger turnout," said

Jason Penry, president.

Penry would like to see twice as many students vote in next spring's elections.

"I'd like for students to give me suggestions for making elections more accessible," he said.

He hopes possibilities, such as online voting, might encourage more students to participate.

Dr. Gloria Raines, vice chancellor of student affairs, was less pleased with the turnout. "I wish more students would vote," she said.

She was happy that so many ran in the election. A total of 32 names were on the ballot.

"I'm pleased it was taken seriously," Raines said. She said the results showed that people actually thought about their votes. She hopes more students will choose to get involved.

"I wish people would realize how important their vote is," she said.

The new senators-at-large are: Brad Bowen, Jeff Strozier, Steve Martino, Jessica Beech, Amanda Joy

Who uses HPE?



by Brandon
Mitchell

With \$620,000 of your tax money coming from the state to give the front of the Health and Physical Education building a facelift, the twenty-year-old complex has plenty to attract students, but few are using it.

"I've wondered what they have to offer since I pay for it, but I haven't been interested enough to look into it," said Layne Dollar, a junior environmental science major.

The Health & PE building offers an Olympic-size pool, weight room, tennis and racquetball courts, indoor track, basketball gym, and other various recreational-related activities. "The Health and PE

building is there for you," said Dr. Timothy P. Winter, chair of the department of kinesiology and health science. "It is not there for just academic purposes. The building is there for student life, intramurals, and campus recreation."

Deldrick Douglas, a sophomore kinesiology and health science major, said he uses the facilities at the health and PE building to stay in shape.

"My money is paying for it," Douglas said.

"Students are not taking activity classes like they used to, so they're not going over there," said Michael T. Ferrell, vice chancellor of business affairs. "They're
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Bell, Jeremy Price, Frank Lam, Mitch Jones, Haley Reggio, Richard Rowell, Jennifer Micinski, Heather Kleckinger, Mehrzad Khodavandi, William Epps, Brad Weatherly and Chris Lee.

In last week's meeting, SGA discussed lsus-review.com. An attorney is being consulted about

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From the assistant editor

Our noble editor in chief, Mark Rogers, left me in charge this weekend whilst he was in Monroe at a debate tournament.

Unfortunately for you, Mark's eloquence is busy recharging right now.

Fortunately for me, I get to try to say as many things as I can in as few words as possible.

I've been to a lot of meetings in the last few weeks and one thing consistently annoys me: People spend so much time talking about what they want to do that they never seem to get anything done.

I don't understand why people talk about the importance of attendance during a meeting when the people who obviously need to hear it aren't there.

People will talk about how important their work is and how they need to get their message out rather than doing their work and giving us the message.

Tell us what you are

going to say, say it, then tell us what you said?

No. It isn't a speech, it's a meeting. Just say it.

It is really a matter of setting priorities. Most meetings happen during common hour. Common hour is neither.

If you only have 45 minutes to get everything done, you need to make sure you don't spend any time talking about what you need to do. Do it.

Setting priorities seems to be a real problem. Louisiana is consistently ranked at or near the bottom in virtually every measure of educational quality there is.

Schools scramble for what little funds there are. Teachers struggle to make do with what they have.

Students share textbooks in cramped classrooms while downtown we build yet another casino.

Where are our priorities?

The only way to show

where our priorities lie is by participating in the democratic process.

Vote.

Most students didn't care enough to vote in the SGA elections.

On Nov. 7, federal and state elections will be held.

We will elect a new president. We are stuck with the winner for four years. Is this really a decision you want to let someone else make for you?

Amendments 2 and 3 on the ballot, the so-called "Stelly Plan," attempt to increase funding to schools by restructuring the tax code.

Will our apathy continue?

Are we too busy talking about the problems to do anything about them?

Matt
Morris,
Assistant
Editor



Calendar of events

Thu Oct. 26

Pizza challenge in the UC common hr

Psi Chi meeting
BE344 common hr

Career Success
Series UC Caddo-
BossierRm
10:30am

LAESP book fair 2nd floor BE 9am-6pm

Freak Week Oct. 26 - Oct. 28

Fri Oct. 27

Masquerade Ball
UC Ballroom at
8pm FREE w/stu-
dent ID!

Sat Oct. 28

Pilot's baseball
scrimmage w/Cen-
tenary 11am
@LSUS

Boo Bash 1pm UC

"The Rocky Horror
Picture Show"
10pm UC Theater
FREE w/student ID.
BYOB

Sun Oct. 29

Mon Oct. 30

Early registration
advising for 2001
Spring Semester
begins

Tue Oct. 31

Halloween. BOO!

Career Success
Series-Minimizing
Stress UC Theater
common hr.

Wed Nov. 1

Last day to drop
courses or resign

Early registration by
telephone begins
for continuing stu-
dents by classifica-
tion

Thu Nov. 2

No Almagest. Boo
hoo.

Early registration by
telephone for
Spring 2001 begins
Resume Writing
Workshop UC com-
mon hr

Fri Nov. 3

Almagest Deadline
SOC Meeting noon
Webster room

Sat Nov. 4

Start studying for
finals NOW!

Sun Nov. 5

Letters to the editor

Dear *Almagest*,

According to Raechal Leone's article in the Thursday, Oct. 19, 2000, edition of *The Almagest*, it is now illegal to eat or drink in the library and anyone caught doing so is now subject to being forever banned from the library. From what I have read, the "anyone being caught" also refers to or else should refer to both faculty, staff and the administration as well. The students are not the only ones to blame.

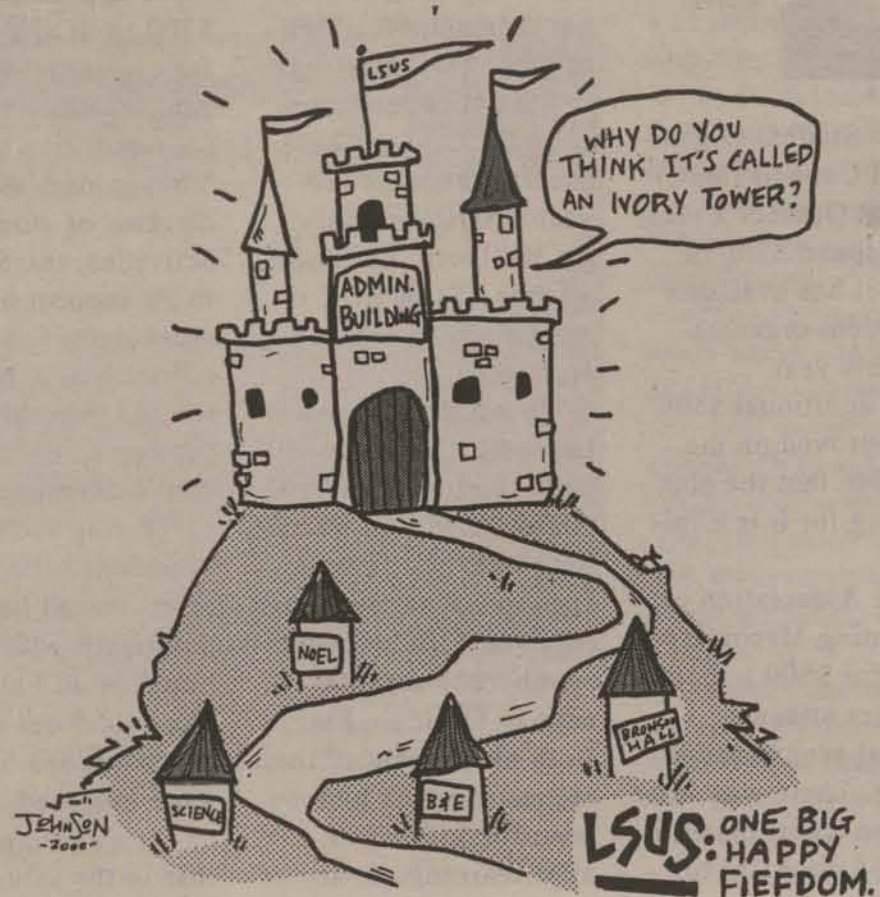
But wait folks, there's more.

Keeping this in mind, I firmly believe it also means that the weekly and monthly "foodfests" held on the third floor by faculty, staff and administration can no longer be carried out as well. I would like to point out the food which is being served at these functions is being spilled and dropped on the carpets, tables, books, literature and computers throughout the library and left for someone else to clean up.

When my friends and I raised questions regarding the mess the administration made each and every time a foodfest was held on the library's third floor, we were informed that the campus rules do not apply to the administration. The administration, faculty, and staff can do anything they want. The old adage each and every parent no doubt tells their children, "Don't do what I do, but do what I say," is clearly at work here.

What I am saying is this: if you make a strict rule or policy it must apply to everyone including those in charge. It must apply to all, not part. Everyone must adhere to this rule or else the new policy defeats the very purpose for which it was made.

Frank Simpson
Business Administration, Junior



State education officials visit LSUS to encourage support for Stelly plan



by
Scott
Balcerzak

Some of the top educational officials in the state were present at a news conference on Oct. 20 in the Noel Memorial Library.

The purpose of the conference was for the officials to express their support of the proposed Stelly Amendments, which would make major changes in Louisiana's tax structure.

The income from these changes would be used toward improvements in education.

The amendments, which were originally proposed by State Representative Vic

Stelly (R-Lake Charles), will serve two separate functions. It would restructure the state's income taxes and it would repeal the 4 cent sales tax on food and utilities.

The goal is to stabilize our state's tax structure and offer major improvements in education. Of the money earned, 80 percent would go to faculty and teacher pay raises. The remaining 20 percent would be given out on a priority basis.

Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, commissioner of higher education, believes that these proposals are crucial to the future of higher education in Louisiana.

"This fiscal year, despite modest increases, Louisiana's appropriation to post-secondary education

was more than \$250 million below the Southern average," Savoie said. "So clearly, we still have a long way to go."

During last Friday's press conference, officials from each of the four state college systems expressed their concerns over the present state of higher education in Louisiana.

Dr. William Jenkins, Louisiana State University System president, called it a "miracle" that our universities perform as well as they do under the current funding situation.

Dr. Wayne Brown, Louisiana Community College and Technical College president, expressed the need for the state to fund short course programs that would offer basic job train-

ing. Overall, the sentiment among these officials was that the Stelly amendments were crucial in ensuring the state's growth in higher education.

"Without good faculty you cannot have a good school," Savoie said. "Providing competitive faculty salaries is and must continue to be at the top of our agenda."

Savoie added that our state ranks the lowest in the South in terms of faculty pay, with faculty salaries 14.8 percent below the Southern average. These figures, along with other comparisons to Southern states, were shown during the conference.

Louisiana is currently ranked lowest in the Southern average in funding on a

per-student level.

For many educators, the major fear concerning the Stelly amendments is the possibility of voters rejecting the proposed tax swap because it may offer an increase in taxes to certain citizens.

"I shudder to think of the result if this doesn't pass," Savoie said. He also said that there would have to be more cuts in higher education if the proposal is not accepted by voters.

"The number one reason for business failure is undercapitalization," Savoie said. "If Louisiana's educational enterprise continues to be undercapitalized, it too will fail." The Stelly Amendments will be voted upon during the Nov. 7 election.

SOC approves funding, elects officers



by
Matthew
Morris

The Student Organizations Council (SOC) voted at October's meeting to spend \$700 of \$1514 it has available for student organizations this year.

An additional \$500 was approved on the condition that the club applying for it is eligible.

The Association of Computing Machinery asked for \$500 to help members attend a regional programming contest. There was some question about the eligibility of the ACM to receive funds.

According to SOC rules, an organization is put on probation and denied funding if it is not represented at two or more SOC meetings.

ACM's attendance records could not be checked because last year's SOC secretary, Bo Wellborn, no longer attends LSUS. SOC is attempting to contact Wellborn.

In addition, the Lacrosse Club received \$400 to attend the 2000 Texas A&M Fall Classic Lacrosse Tournament, and American Humanics received \$300 to send members to a conference in Orlando, Fla. Both clubs reduced their requests, which had been for \$500 each, after learning about

SOC's budget.

If ACM's funding is approved, this would leave approximately \$300 in SOC's budget for organizations for the year.

According to Brian Novagradac, assistant director of student activities, the SOC has in its support budget other money that can be redistributed, but this is limited. The SOC budget comes from the student activities fee.

During the meeting, President Julie Schreiner expressed her disappointment with club participation in Fall Fest. She said 9 out of 40 organizations on campus were involved.

It was suggested that in the future, partic-

ipation in both Fall Fest and Spring Fling should be mandatory.

The SOC also held nominations for officers. Each position only had one nomination, so a vote is unnecessary. New officers are Shak Shivashankara, president; Brad Weatherly, vice president; and Erin Summerall, secretary/treasurer.

"It's going to be great. I've got some ideas I want to get straight," Shivashankara said. He wants a bigger meeting room because of high attendance.

Schreiner was pleased with the turnout, "Attendance today shows we are becoming stronger with the leadership of Shannon (Mur-

phy) and Brian (Novagradac)."

She said her time as president has "been a rewarding experience. It was a dual process of learning and spreading wings."

The Society of Professional Journalists and the International Club each sent representatives to the meeting to begin the process of being reinstated as active clubs. Also attending were representatives wanting to start an organization for Master's of Science in Environmental Science students and Campus Crusaders for Christ.

The next SOC meeting is Nov. 3 at noon in the Webster Room of the UC.

Counseling Center seeks SOAR leaders



by
Jennifer
Knafla

Student Orientation and Registration is accepting applications for SOAR leaders. Applications are available in Room 227 in the Administration Building.

Applications describe SOAR as an integral part of the Student Activities and Student Development and Counseling Center (SDCC).

A SOAR leader's responsibility is to assist the SDCC director with the planning and

implementation of orientation programs. Each leader receives a \$1,000 scholarship paid in three payments.

Ten SOAR leaders will be selected.

The first part of the application asks 13 questions pertaining to the student's involvement on campus. The second part is two faculty/staff recommendations.

Applications must be returned to Room 227 in the Administration Building before 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3.

All full-time students who will be full-time LSUS students in the fall of 2001 and spring of 2002 with a minimum 2.0 GPA are

eligible to apply.

Applicants will attend a group interview Nov. 12. Paula K. Lewis, director of the SDCC, said that observing the applicants in a group helps to determine how well each will perform as part of a team.

A five-person selection committee will conduct individual interviews Nov. 13-17.

The committee will be composed of the counseling center staff, one former SOAR leader, and one faculty/staff member.

"The individual interview helps to identify the applicant's own personality," Lewis said. "Which is impor-

tant because a variety is needed to make the SOAR program successful."

Nick J. Chiartano, senior biological chemistry major, has been a SOAR leader for the past two years.

Chiartano said that getting involved in SOAR is a good way to make a difference.

He said that as a leader he is able to promote campus involvement not only with the new students but also with himself. "After becoming a SOAR leader, the school has become a second home to me," Chiartano said.

Lewis said that being a SOAR leader requires hard work.

Leaders attend training sessions and orientations, learn general information about the four colleges, and become familiar with the division of student affairs.

"The best part of the program is bonding with the students you help," Chiartano said. "It makes you feel good knowing that you made a difference."

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Regional college expansion plans



by
Scott
Balcerzak

With the recent economic growth in this area, local colleges are looking to do some expanding of their own. To do so, institutions have to go through various ways of obtaining funding for such plans. The result is that local colleges have varying degrees of success in expanding their campuses and programs.

Bossier Parish Community College (BPCC) has experienced its share of recent successes. In July 1997, the college sep-

arated from the Benton School Board and became state funded. Last year, the Board of Regents approved more new programs for BPCC than any other college in this area. Its enrollment this semester was around 3,700 students, a number only slightly below LSUS.

Tom Williams, BPCC's vice chancellor for finance and adminis-

tration, believes that striving for such improvements are crucial to any college. "The enhancement is for the students," said

Williams. "It is what we strive for as we work for a better funding level."



Photo courtesy Centenary College

BPCC currently receives over \$9 million in state funding, but the administrators hope to get an

This success is because the institution is private and deals directly with private contributions. "Centenary does a fair amount of fund raising," said Lynn B. Stewart, Director of Public Relations. "And we have a development office that has been very successful recently."

The college also currently has an endowment of \$110 million dollars from past investments and savings. "We have a healthy endowment for a school this size," Stewart said. Centenary currently has an enrollment of 1,033 students.

Unlike Centenary College, LSUS's plans for expansion are dependent upon money from the state legislature. Like BPCC, our proposed campus improvements have to go through a series of boards and committees before even making it to the legislature. "It takes a very long time to get anything done," said Michael T. Ferrell, vice chancellor for business affairs. "There's a lot of red tape involved."

Funding frustrations

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would be hard to estimate. "Such figures are not segregated and it's difficult to determine which percent comes from gaming," he said.

As a result of general funding problems, many state colleges have turned to pursuing contributions from outside sources. At LSUS, this has become more popular in recent times. In fact, the college made \$13 million last year from grants and contributions from a variety of sources. LSUS received \$6.2 million from federal sources, \$2.1 million from state sources, and \$1.3 million from private sources.

Michael T. Ferrell, LSUS's vice chancellor of business affairs, commented that such contributions have become a major priority for LSUS because the income

is not part of the official budget. Therefore, the legislature cannot touch it if the money is not fully spent. "That's money that is above and beyond state appropriations," Ferrell said. "It's allowed to carry over from year to year."

Centenary College, a private institution, has a long history of private contributions. In an interview last week, Lynn B. Stewart, Centenary College's director of public relations, stated that most state colleges are now also trying to obtain more private funds. "This is why LSUS now has development offices for private contributions," Stewart said. "But at private colleges we have to get a larger amount. We need to raise more than (the income from) tuition." Centenary College has obtained \$90 million from a six year campaign for campus improvements. The college also has an endowment of over \$110 million from

investment and savings.

At LSUS, our system relies primarily on state funding. When asked about Centenary College, Ferrell said a comparison would not even be valid. "That would be like comparing apples and oranges," he said. In other words, LSUS's primary source of income is still dependant upon the legislature.

Kyle believes that there have been some major improvements in state funding over the last decade. He pointed to such developments as the changing of certain colleges from 2 to 4 year institutions and the combining of many technical schools with community colleges. But Kyle also admits that these increases may be viewed as insufficient to some people. "There has been an increase in funding in the last ten years," Kyle said. "But it still is not up to the southern average."

increase in the future.

The school was also awarded \$1.3 million from the State Bond Association to purchase land for their new campus. The site will be in an area west of Louisiana Downs in Bossier City. While receiving the money was a major achievement for the college, Williams said this is a small step toward the actual building of the campus. "We should be able to purchase the land later this year and start planning the area," Williams said. "Now it's a matter of getting more money." The total cost of the campus will be roughly \$19 million.

Centenary College's plans for campus-wide expansion have met with more success. The major achievement is found in the school's attempt to raise \$149 million dollars for campus improvements. While only \$90 million dollars was raised over the last six years, this amount of money will allow them to add many new buildings to the campus.

Red River Regional Studies maps national park



by
Curtis
Drayden

The Red River Regional Studies is a research center on campus. Its major concern is the Red River Valley area.

At least 300 steamboat wrecks have occurred on the Red River, eleven in the Shreveport area. The Kentucky steamboat disaster (the second greatest loss of human life on inland waters) occurred about a mile from LSUS.

Sisters of the C.S.S. Hunley submarines (at least five) were built in Shreveport according to Gary D. Joiner, director of Red River

Regional Studies.

There were numerous Civil War battlefields in the region: Mansfield, Vicksburg, Grand Gulf, Black River, Jackson, Pleasant Hill, Champion Hill. The development of a mapping system for Vicksburg National Military Park and the National Park Service is a current project for the Red River Regional Studies Center.

The Kentucky steamboat was charted to carry some 950 paroled Confederate troops and supplies from Shreveport to St. Louis. Men, women, children and mules were also on board. After the steamboat departed from Shreveport, it hit a snag and sank so fast that most of the passengers drowned immediately. According to Joiner,

there were no refugee camps, coming in or going out of Shreveport, Coushatta and Natchitoches.

"If there were no signs of survivors, where were the other people that were on the boat? They all drowned," Joiner said.

There were five Confederate submarines built in Shreveport. One was sent to Houston, Joiner said. The same people who designed and built the Hunley built the sister submarines. Before the Union Troops entered Shreveport, in June of 1865, the Confederates opened up the seacoasts and let them sink. The river moves, so where are they located now? If you find one, there should be three more close by, according to Joiner.

"We are now mapping out the inside of the Vicksburg National Military Park for the National Parks Services. It is the first time this has been done to this level. It is a prototype for The National Parks services for all The Civil, Revolutionary, and The French and Indian war parks," Joiner said. The Red River Regional Studies Center is almost through mapping the inside of the park. Now mapping of the assets outside of the park will be started. The park will cover both Vicksburg and the Louisiana sides of the river. This will include monuments as well as historical sites. the use of global positioning systems helps to assure accuracy of locations, Joiner said.

"We do research projects

that are non-traditional. We do research that no one else wants to do or do not have the means or know-how to do," Joiner said. "We do a tremendous amount of research."

According to Joiner, the lifeblood of the research is working with the students. "Students can take internships, independent studies, do various histories or geographies; then they can work one on one with me on current projects. Some of these projects last for years," he said.

For additional information contact Joiner in the department of history and social sciences for the Red River Regional Studies Center in BH 459 or call 798-4176.

Problem from Hell



$\frac{m}{n}$

Let $\frac{m}{n}$ in lowest terms be the probability that a randomly chosen positive divisor of 10^{99} is an integer multiple of 10^{88} . Find $m + n$.

Last week's problem:

You have two twelve-hour watches set correctly at 8:00 a.m.: one gains two minutes per hour and the other loses one minute per hour.

A) When will both watches again show the same time?

B) When will they both show 8 o'clock as the correct time?

Solution: a) Both times will be the same when the faster clock gains eight hours while the slower clock loses four hours (240 min). For the slower clock to lose 240 minutes takes 240 hours. It is now 4 o'clock.

B) to be 8 o'clock again it will take 720 hours.

Please submit your answers in writing to Dr. Vekovius in Science 104, or on the internet to Indulgences will be granted for correct answers. Others plan to feel the wrath of math!

SGA proposals

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the legality of the website using the LSUS name.

Senior Richard Rowell, one of three creators of the website, said updates will include courses each professor teaches and where he or she got his/her degree.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Dr. Timothy P. Winter, chairman of the kinesiology and health science department. He wants students to make use of equipment in the HPE building.

Winter said the weight equipment cost \$19,000.

He encouraged students to bring their family and friends to play games and get in shape. Facilities are free to all students.

SGA also discussed a fund-raising idea from Vice President Amy Redel and a charity proposal from Jeff Strozier, senator-

at-large.

Jena Martino, senator of the college of science, introduced a proposal to give students more freedom in the library by setting aside an area where beverages would be allowed.

Brad Bowen, senator-at-large, proposed SGA endorsement to reforms to the Higher Education Act of 1998. He believes the HEA is discriminatory because it denies eligibility of students who have been convicted of drug-related offenses and enforcement of drug laws is targeted at minorities.

Both proposals will come to a vote at the Oct. 26 SGA meeting during common hour in the Webster room of the UC.

Penry encourages students to contact him.

He can be reached in the SGA office at 797-5342 or at home at 798-6665.

Bud Welch visits LSUS

Bombing victim's father relates experience



by
Lacy
Stuart

Bud Welch, father of an Oklahoma City Bombing victim, spoke about his opposition to the death penalty on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the University.

Welch immediately began speaking of the Oklahoma City Bombing. "I'd like to place a face on one of the 168 people killed in the Oklahoma bombing," Welch said. He spoke of his daughter, Julie, who died at 23-years-old.

Later, Welch back-tracked and told about himself. He's the third of eight children in his family; they grew up on a dairy farm. He never got a college education, but owns a Texaco station in Oklahoma.

Welch told of how he wanted the best for his children, and then talked more specifically about Julie. "When Julie was in eighth grade, she had a little Mexican friend who spoke Spanish," he said. He went on saying that Julie really started to take interest in learning other languages, and eventually wanted to be a foreign exchange student.

"You know how kids let things go after about a week? Well, this never went away, so we finally sent her to live with a family in Spain," Welch said.

Julie learned to speak Spanish fluently and went to a competition where she was picked first of the 91 competitors. Because of this, Julie won over \$5,000 a year in college scholarships for a school in Milwaukee.

When Julie went to school, she and her dad started unpacking things in front of her dorm. "I was handing off things to her, not even looking at them, and I handed her bear to her. She

immediately grabbed it and said 'don't give me that damn bear,' while tossing it back into the van," Welch said. She then got a towel, went to the front of the van, and wrapped the bear up so no one else would see it."

"From that point on, the bear was known as damn bear," Welch said. He said that on April 19, 1995, they buried Julie with that bear.

Because of his daughter's death, Welch was filled with what he referred to as rage and revenge, his form of temporary insanity. He began smoking three packs of cigarettes a day and drinking heavily every night. "Drinking was the only thing that would put me to sleep," Welch said.

He went to the bomb site every day where 400 buildings were either destroyed or damaged. "One day I started to examine myself. I asked myself what I needed to move forward," Welch said.

He realized that his rage and revenge was destroying him, and Welch got a handle on his physical abuses.

He was watching the news one day and saw Bill McVeigh, bomber Timothy McVeigh's father. "He was stooped over his garden and didn't want to even look at the camera. I wanted to change the channel, but I didn't this time," Welch said.

While Welch was watching, McVeigh stood up and looked at the camera. "I saw pain in his eyes. At that point I felt the need to go tell him that I didn't blame him for what his son had done," Welch said.

Finally, a meeting was arranged between Welch and

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Bill McVeigh while Welch was touring and giving speeches in different cities. Welch went to McVeigh's house and knocked

on the door. "After a long pause, the door opened," Welch said. He said to McVeigh, "I understand you have a nice garden," and immediately McVeigh's face lit up and he offered to show the garden to Welch.



Bud Welch spoke on campus on Tuesday Oct. 17

The two had a nice conversation outside, and then moved into the house where they continued to talk. Welch caught himself staring at a picture of Timothy McVeigh. The room was silent and Welch said he thought Tim was a good looking good.

Welch and McVeigh had many tears and a long hug, along with McVeigh's daughter, Jennifer. "The three of us are in this for the rest of our lives. I'll do everything I can to keep him (Timothy McVeigh) from dying," said Welch.

Welch also said he'd never felt closer to God than at that moment. He said that every morning Bill McVeigh wakes up dealing with the fact that his son was convicted of killing 168 people.

Welch ended by saying, "If Jesus came to Louisiana tomorrow, he wouldn't go to LSUS or to anywhere nice. He would go to Angola where people are on death row and Jesus would try to help those people."

UCA participates in Make A Difference Day



by Anita Kelly

If you want to read books to children at your local community center, donate clothes to the less fortunate, serve food to the homeless, then become active in volunteer activities because the fourth Saturday in October is Make A Difference Day.

Community assistants (CAs) at the university court apartments are hosting their second annual carnival in recognition of Halloween. "We are focusing on literacy. After the carnival is over, we are going to a local pediatric unit in our costumes to pass out children's books," Shunda Walker, a CA, said.

"We are sponsoring this event for the children, targeting underprivileged kids in daycare centers, headstart, pre-kindergarten and elementary. We are providing a safe place for children to come enjoy themselves. The residents will have candy for the children. We will supply games, contests, prizes and food," Kristen Adams, a CA, said.

Volunteer groups as well neighbors, families, children, friends and co-workers are encouraged to participate. "The biggest differences come in the smallest acts: comforting loved ones, sharing a laugh or simply sitting around, imparting wisdom, mother to child, friend to friend, dying teacher to long-time student," Mitch Albom, author of "Tuesdays With Morrie," said in his make-a-difference story in the Oct. 13 issue of USA Weekend magazine. He believes everyone can contribute a kind act in celebration of this holiday.

The CAs are publicizing the event so that area businesses will donate to and support the program.

"We have contacted businesses such as Barnes and Nobles, Chucky Cheese and Books A Million to request their participation

in our program for the children," Walker said.

USA Weekend lists five easy steps to help others. It suggests asking what your community needs for tips and project ideas to help them, asking Wal-Mart for \$1,000 by applying and talking to your store's community-involvement coordinator, spreading the word to the data bank hosted by mindshares.org for interested people looking for project ideas, carrying out your plans to help others on Saturday, and telling USA Weekend what you did by filling out an official entry form after your project has been completed for a chance to receive an award that will be announced in a special report in April.

The issue included experiences and visions of authors and writers who contributed to improving the lives of people or whose lives were inspired by an act of kindness. Albom's book prompted a man to call a family and ask for their forgiveness for an incident that happened more than three decades ago. "You want to make a difference? Teach what you know. It's like throwing stars into the sky, a light that goes on and on."

Marc Brown, creator of children's book character, Arthur, will make his contribution by promoting literacy to kids. "Kids have a natural tendency to want to help others."

"On Make A Difference Day, he and his alter ego, Arthur the aardvark, will join a Boston-based project as part of Pizza Hut's national reading program, Book It, which urges students to perform good literacy deeds that day," USA Weekend said.

Fiction writer Matthew Klam clearly remembers an inspirational moment when his father met Mark, a disabled child, at the 1983 Special Olympics in New York. "My father visited Mark once a week for seven years, until our family moved away from the area," Klam said.

"No matter how handicapped a kid is," Dad said, "there's somebody in there, and you get glimpses of that. What I found was that I got as much out of him as he got from me."

According to a recent press release by USA Weekend, Angela Perez Baraquio, Miss Hawaii 2001 and spokesperson for Make A Difference Day, will announce a national challenge to help families in need. "As the U.S. readies for what is predicted to be a harsh winter, a national partnership between the Salvation Army, the

Hotel Inter-Continental Hotel chain, and people all around the country will be launched by Miss America as one of her first initiatives."

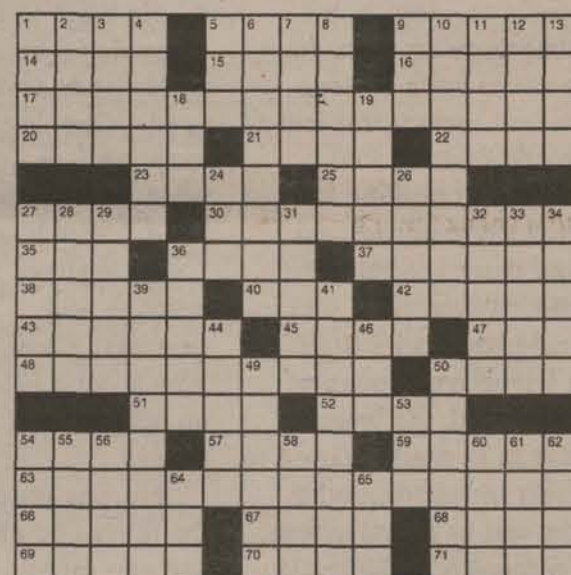
Some national groups participating in this event are the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, J.C. Penny, Miss America Organization, Salvation Army, United Way of America, Boy and Girl Scouts and Big Brothers and Big Sisters of America.

For more information about this national holiday and project ideas, log onto www.makeadifferenceday.com. Volunteers without internet access may call the Make A Difference Day hotline at 1-800-416-3824 for a brochure about these activities.

Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Three Wise Men
- 5 Restrain
- 9 Tenant's contract
- 14 Gershwin and Levin
- 15 Golden rule word
- 16 Glowing coal
- 17 Small indication of something larger
- 20 Magnetic flux density unit
- 21 "La Bonita"
- 22 Butter sub
- 23 Mend by weaving
- 25 Historic times
- 27 Oriental staple
- 30 Hostile act
- 35 Tic-tac-toe win
- 36 Soothsayer
- 37 African fly
- 38 Cancel
- 40 Flop
- 42 Oil-well firefighter Red
- 43 Jungle vines
- 45 does it
- 47 Book after Exod.
- 48 Scandinavian cheese
- 50 Lute's cousin
- 51 Quaker pronoun
- 52 Merriment
- 54 Church recess
- 57 Oriental nanny
- 59 Inexplicit
- 63 Top dog
- 66 Warren and Scruggs
- 67 Domain
- 68 She: Fr.
- 69 Earthy materials
- 70 Statistical average
- 71 Deceased



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Solutions



- 6 Disrupted
- 7 AAA advice
- 8 Kin of a furnace
- 9 Actor Marvin
- 10 Carved in relief
- 11 First victim
- 12 Very dry
- 13 Cogito sum
- 18 Aeronautics watchdog grp.
- 19 Insertion indicator
- 24 "Norma"
- 26 Analyze chemically
- 27 Writer Dahl
- 28 Ancient region in Asia Minor
- 29 Talk-show host O'Brien
- 31 Watery porridge
- 32 Rome's land
- 33 Basketry willow
- 34 Impudence
- 36 Virgule
- 39 In harmony
- 41 Mom's girl
- 44 Shave off
- 46 Choice: abbr.
- 49 Lament
- 50 Jumped
- 53 Night before
- 54 One Baldwin
- 55 Ring
- 56 Poet Teasdale
- 58 Bushy do
- 60 Strong wind
- 61 USC rival
- 62 Scraped (by)
- 64 Double curve
- 65 Cured pork

LSUS holds fourth annual pioneer day



by
Curtis
Drayden

The sound of music in the air and the thunder of an 1860 Parrot cannon

from the West Battery aroused much curiosity recently when 2,000 to 2,500 people attended LSUS' Fourth Annual Pioneer Day sponsored by the Pioneer Heritage Center.

On the porch of the Dogtrot was the North Louisiana Woodcarvers with Charles Crockett playing a carpenter's saw (like a violin). At the Blacksmith's shop, was Michael Baker and his

horse, Fohtay. In front of the turn-of-the-century Webb and Webb Commissary was the Caddo 4-H-Mini Farm with Johnnie Tupper. Kids stroked pigs, sheep and calves. The Winn Parish

4-H club with Donny Moon demonstrated forestry skills. In the Caspiana House were the Red River Quilters and Bill Atteridge, a model ships builder, demonstrating his craft. Outside
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HPE: Hidden treasure

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going to Bronson Hall, BE building, and the science building and that's as far as they go. They won't go over to the Health and PE building because they are not taking any classes over there. Unless you've got that major, you're not going over there."

In the fall of 1997, HPE 107, golf, had 27 enrolled. Twelve are enrolled in 107 this fall.

Ferrell attributes declining interest in PE classes to a change in the credit a student receives for taking them.

In the summer of 1998 one-hour PE classes became pass/fail courses, and, thus, not added into a grade point average.

"If they [students] could get an A in a one-hour class, it would help their grade point average, and we would have a whole bunch of people wanting to do it," Ferrell said.

Derrick Simpkins, a freshman biology major, said: "I use the weight room to stay in shape because it's free. I'm going to play football next semester at LC. The facility is just as good as Fitness World as long as you know what you're doing with the machines."

Free weights and bars, three Cybex machines, a recumbent bike, two Concept II rowers, and a Nor-

dicTrack skier were recently added.

Vice chancellor of student affairs Stuart Mills said that being a commuter university, LSUS has a physical plant that for the most part meets the educational needs of its students.

"At your bigger schools where you would live in a dorm and your social and living needs would be met on campus, you would find that student life would revolve more around a recreational center," Mills said.

Nathan Teater, a senior business administration major, said that because the facility is free, it makes more sense for him to not pay a membership at Fitness World or Premier Fitness Center to use the same equipment.

"We've extended hours for the health and PE building," Winter said. Bring your daughters, grandkids or families on weekends as long as you bring a dedication to the building."

"The health and PE building is a hidden treasure," Ferrell said.

To find out when the building is open for you, contact the Department of Kinesiology and Health Sciences at 318-797-5344.

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Who are those peculiar people on campus?



by
Renee
Ferguson

Many people view Pentecostals as peculiar. This is only because they do not understand Pentecostal beliefs. There are many practices in Pentecost that may seem strange, but there is a logical reason for each of them.

One thing that many find strange is the clothes we wear. Pentecostal women wear

skirts or dresses below the knee and blouses with sleeves usually to the elbow or longer. Pentecostal men wear pants with shirts that also have elbow length sleeves. This is because we believe that a woman should not wear men's clothing and vice versa.

Since the first pair of pants was designed for a man they were deemed as men's clothing and the first dress was designed for a woman it was deemed women's clothing. The length of the clothes we wear is because Pentecostals believe in mod-

esty and that a person is to be full covered.

Pentecostals are also questioned about their hair. Pentecostal women have long hair and men have short hair. The Bible teaches that a woman's head and face are to be covered in the eyes of God when she prays and that long hair is a glory unto her. The Bible also teaches that it is a shame for a man's face to be covered when he prays and long hair puts a barrier between him and God.

Another subject that people think is peculiar about Pentecostals is

their simplicity. Pentecostals do not believe in unnecessary and excessive things. We do not wear make-up because we honor the beauty that God has given us and we do not care about jewelry because no piece of metal or rock can improve our appearance. An example of this is the piercing present today in every conceivable place. If God had intended for you to have a hole in your ear, nose, tongue, navel, and so on, you would have been born with it there.

Pentecostals also

believe that our bodies are temples that are to be kept pure. One will not find a true Pentecostal at a bar, a club, or a motel, with someone else's spouse. Neither will one find a true Pentecostal buying alcohol, cigarettes, or snuff. We do not need these things to relieve stress because we have a friend in Jesus to talk to. He is the Mighty Healer.

Now that you have a clearer view of what being Pentecostal is like, next time you see one do not label him as strange but think of him as special.

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LSUS campus police blotter

October 15

4:50 p.m. A family returned to their minivan after attending a CABOSA soccer game to find that someone broken the lock on the front passenger's door and taken a wallet containing approximately 12 credit cards, a driver's license and no money. Campus police searched the area with no results.

October 23

10:25 a.m. Campus policed investigated a report of missing property at the HPE building. Ten T-shirts, which had been donated to HPE for special events, were missing. Their value was approximately \$100. It was unclear when the shirts were stolen. There were no signs of forced entry.

Pioneer Days

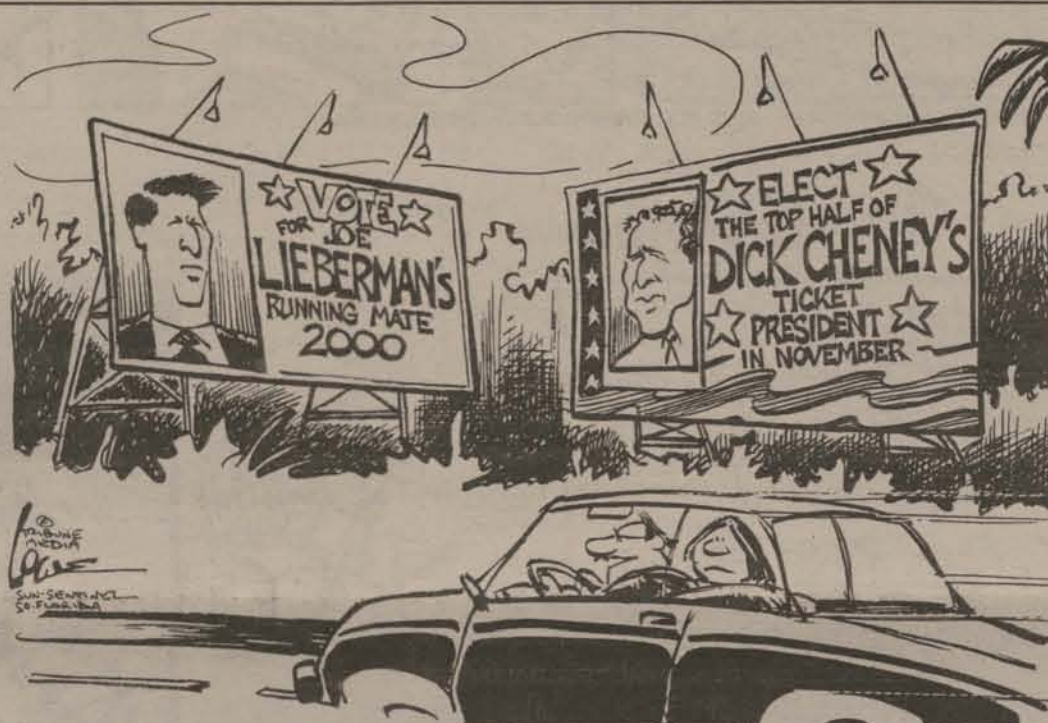
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were the Scottish group, the Redshanks.

Many volunteers helped to make the event a success: Vanessa Perry (Caspiana House), Jerry Sumrall (Log Dogtrot), Susan Hastings, Melissa Kitchens, Christy Long (Doctor's Office), and Brian and Lora Teustch (Webb and Webb Commissary).

"The Physical Plant

was wonderful with what I asked them to do for me," Marty Young, assistant to the director of the center, said. "I couldn't have gotten a better job. The Physical Plant bent over backward to help us. All the equipment, supplies, chairs and tables that they carried over here to the center, they were tremendous in helping us get ready. They also help keep the center landscape well groomed."



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